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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2653**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kiichi UEYANAGI

Group Art Unit: 2653

Application No.: 09/777,674

Examiner: A. Psitos

Filed: February 7, 2001

Docket No.: 108551

For: OPTICALLY ASSISTED MAGNETIC RECORDING DEVICE, OPTICALLY ASSISTED MAGNETIC RECORDING HEAD AND MAGNETIC DISK DEVICE (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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In reply to the May 13, 2004 final Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.